

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a system in which an interface of IEEE1394 is provided for an IRD, connected equipment can be easily selected and the operability is improved. Data can be transmitted among the equipment by providing the interface of IEEE1394 for the IRD. For example, five equipment are selected from the equipment connected to the interface of IEEE1394 and node ID numbers are allocated to the five equipment and registered. Thus, even if the equipment is removed from the interface and connected again, the IRD can recognize the equipment. Further, a number of equipment are not arranged on the list display of the connected equipment and desired equipment can be easily selected. Among the equipment physically connected to the interface, the five equipment which were connected early are automatically registered. The registration can be easily changed by a user input. When the registration is changed, the change of the registration is inhibited among the equipment in which the program reservation has been set or the connected equipment. Thus, even if the registration is changed, an erroneous operation does not occur.